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SUBJECT: USADB STAFFER LEFES PROJECT VISIT TO PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 7475

1. APPRECIATE RESPONSE REGARDING LEFES VISIT SCHEDULED
AUGUST 21-31. AS A RESULT OF COMMENTS IN REFTEL AND
FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH BANK OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE
ABOUT ADB PROGRAMS IN PAKISTAN, WE HAVE REVISED SEVERAL
SCHEDULED VISITS.

2. AS FAR AS THE TIMING OF THE VISIT IS CONCERNED, WE
REVIEWED YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS
OF RAMADAN AND WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY MR. M. R. KHAN,
PAKISTAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT ADB NOT TO POSTPONE THE
VISIT. THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADHERE TO THE ORIGINAL
SCHEDULE OF AUGUST 21-31.

3. REVISED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT VISITS IS AS FOLLOWS:
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- MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - KARACHI - BRIEFING BY KESC, VISIT
KARONGI POWER PLANT AND PORT QASIM

- TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - BRIEFING BY PICIC AND MDFC
OFFICIALS AND VISIT ADB-FINANCED FISHERIES PROJECT

- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 - KARACHI TO MULTAN, 0800-0910
PK334, VISIT MULTAN FERTILIZER PLANT AND DEPART FOR
LAHORE 1650-1800 PK656

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - BRIEFING BY WAPDA OFFICIALS RE
TARBELA, MANGLA AND CHASMA PROJECTS

- FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - LAHORE TO RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD
1000-1045, VISIT U.S. EMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS RE ADB
PROJECTS

- MONDAY, AUGUST 28 - VISIT TARBELA AND RETURN TO
RAWALPINDI

- TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 - RAWALPINDI TO QUETTA 1330-1445
PK325, BRIEFING BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ON AGRICULTURE
AND LIVESTOCK ACTIVITY IN PROVINCE

- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 - VISIT LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES
WITHIN SEVERAL HOURS DRIVE OF QUETTA AND DEPART FOR
KARACHI 1535-1645 PK325

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 - DEPART KARACHI

4. IF PROPOSED VISIT IS ACCEPTABLE TO MISSION, REQUEST
RESERVATIONS IN INTERCONTINENTAL OR COMPARABLE HOTEL AS
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APPROPRIATE IN KARACHI (ARRIVING SATURDAY, AUGUST 19);
LAHORE AND RAWALPINDI: ALSO REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS IN
QUETTA. LEFES PLANS TO DEPART KARACHI FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5. WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS FOR ADB PROJECTS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS EMBASSY
BELIEVES NECESSARY FOR VISITING PROJECTS. LEFES WOULD
PREFER TO START DAY'S ACTIVITIES AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE
HOUR. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE NAMES OF EMBASSY CONTROL
OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY IN KARACHI AND LAHORE. AS LEFES
PLANS TO ARRIVE IN RAWALPINDI BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY,
AUGUST 25, HE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH EMBASSY AND USAID
STAFF AT THEIR CONVENIENCE ON FRIDAY OR THE WEEKEND.
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